

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel Claims 5, 7, 15 and 17 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1 to 4, 6, 8 to 14, 16 to 27, as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An image inputting apparatus comprising:
a capture section, arranged to capture ~~means for capturing~~ an image;
a storage controller, arranged to store ~~control means for storing~~ the captured image in a memory;
a communication section, arranged to communicate ~~means for communicating~~ with an information processing apparatus to which a printer ~~apparatus~~ is connected; and
an inputting section, arranged to input ~~means for inputting~~ a print request of the captured or stored image; and
a setting section, arranged to set a display property which defines image processing to be applied to an image by the information processing apparatus,
wherein said communication section ~~means~~ transmits a print execution instruction, ~~and an~~ the captured or stored image to be printed, and the display property to the information processing apparatus when said inputting section ~~means~~ inputs the print request.

2. (Currently Amended) The image inputting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said image inputting apparatus is a digital still camera.

3. (Currently Amended) The image inputting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said communication section ~~means~~ communicates via a serial bus.

4. (Currently Amended) The image inputting apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a display arranged to display ~~means for displaying~~ the captured or stored image, and

wherein said communication section ~~means~~ transmits an image corresponding to the image displayed on said display ~~means~~ as an image to be printed to the information processing apparatus ~~when said inputting means inputs the print request.~~

Claim 5 (Cancelled).

AS 6. (Currently Amended) The image inputting apparatus according to claim 1 ~~claim 5~~, wherein the display property is at least one of a lightness, gains of respective color components, contrast, color temperature, and gamma value.

Claim 7 (Cancelled).

8. (Currently Amended) The image inputting apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a layout setter arranged to set ~~setting means for setting~~ a layout upon printing an image, and

wherein said communication section ~~means~~ transmits the set layout together with the image to be printed to the information processing apparatus ~~when said inputting means inputs the print request.~~

9. (Currently Amended) The image inputting apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising:

a display section arranged to display ~~means for displaying~~ a pointing cursor together with the captured or stored image, to set ~~and wherein the layout is set~~ by moving the pointing cursor using by said layout setter ~~setting means~~.

10. (Currently Amended) The image inputting apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

1x5 a storage, arranged to store ~~template image storage means for storing~~ information indicating a plurality of template images which can be synthesized ~~composited~~ with the captured or stored image; and

a selector, arranged to select ~~selection means for selecting~~ a template image to be ~~composited~~ synthesized, and

wherein said communication section ~~means~~ transmits information indicating the selected template image together with the image to be printed ~~when said inputting means inputs the print request~~.

11. (Currently Amended) The image inputting apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said ~~template image~~ storage ~~means~~ stores thumbnail images of the template images.

12. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:

a communication section, arranged to receive ~~means for receiving~~ a print execution instruction, ~~and an image to be printed, and a display property~~ from an image inputting apparatus;

a processor, arranged to perform image processing defined by the received display property on the received image; and

a controller, arranged to issue ~~control means for issuing~~ a print request of the ~~processed received image to a connected printer apparatus, and to transmit~~ transmitting the ~~processed image to a connected printer~~ processed image to a connected printer ~~be printed~~.

13. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the image inputting apparatus is a digital still camera.

14. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said communication section ~~means~~ communicates via a serial bus.

Claim 15 (Cancelled).

16. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 12 ~~claim 15~~, wherein the image processing ~~process~~ is at least one of luminance correction, color correction, error diffusion, dithering, gain correction in units of color components, contrast correction, and gamma correction.

Claim 17 (Cancelled).

18. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 12 ~~claim 15~~, wherein said processor ~~image processing means~~ generates image data as to the processed image ~~to be printed~~ in accordance with layout information received from the image inputting apparatus together with the image to be printed.

19. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 12 ~~claim 15~~, further comprising:

a template image storage arranged to store ~~means for storing~~ a plurality of template images which can be synthesized ~~composited~~ with an image, and

AS wherein said processor ~~image processing means~~ generates image data as the processed image ~~to be printed~~ obtained by synthesizing ~~compositing~~ the received image ~~to be printed~~ with a template image which is read from said storage in accordance with ~~corresponding~~ to information received from the image inputting apparatus together with the image to be printed.

20. (Currently Amended) A printing system comprising an image inputting apparatus and an information processing apparatus, wherein said image inputting apparatus comprises:

a capture section, arranged to capture ~~means for capturing~~ an image; image;

a storage controller, arranged to store ~~control means for storing~~ the captured image ~~captured by said capture means in a memory;~~ in memory;

a first communication section, arranged to communicate ~~means for~~ communicating with said information processing apparatus; ~~and;~~

an inputting section, arranged to input ~~means for inputting~~ a print request of the captured or stored ~~image;~~ image; and

a setting section, arranged to set a display property which defines image processing to be applied to an image by said information processing apparatus, and

wherein said information processing apparatus comprises:

a second communication section, arranged to receive a means for receiving the print execution instruction, an and the image to be printed, and the display property from said image inputting apparatus;

a processor, arranged to perform the image processing defined by the received display property on the received image; and

a controller, arranged to issue control means for issuing a print request of the processed received image to a connected printer apparatus; and to transmit transmitting the processed received image to a connected printer, and

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wherein said first and second communication sections means execute a communication for exchanging the print execution instruction, and the image to be printed, and the display property when said inputting section means inputs the print request.

21. (Currently Amended) A controlling method of an image inputting apparatus which comprises a capture section arranged to capture means for capturing an image, a storage controller arranged to store control means for storing the captured image captured by said capture means in a in memory, and a communication section arranged to communicate means for communicating with an information processing apparatus to which a printer apparatus is connected, said method comprising the steps of:

setting a display property which defines image processing to be applied to an image by the information processing apparatus,

inputting a print request of the captured or stored image captured by said capture means or stored in the memory; and

transmitting a print execution instruction, the captured or stored ~~and an image~~ to be printed, and the display property to the information processing apparatus using the said communication section means on the basis of the print request.

22. (Currently Amended) An information processing method comprising the steps of:

receiving a print execution instruction, ~~and an image to be printed, and a~~ display property from an image inputting apparatus;

performing image processing defined by the received display property on the received image;

issuing a print request of the processed ~~received~~ image to a connected printer apparatus; and

transmitting the processed image ~~to be printed~~ to the printer apparatus.

23. (Currently Amended) A computer program product storing ~~comprising~~ a computer readable medium comprising having a computer program ~~code~~, for a controlling method of an image inputting apparatus which comprises a capture section arranged to capture means for capturing an image, a storage controller arranged to store ~~control means for storing~~ the captured image ~~captured by said capture means in a~~ in memory, and a communication section arranged to communicate ~~means for communicating~~ with an information processing apparatus to which a printer ~~apparatus~~ is connected, said controlling method product comprising the steps of:

setting a display property which defines image processing to be applied to an image by the information processing apparatus;

~~an inputting process procedure code for inputting a print request of the~~ captured or stored image ~~captured by said capture means or stored in the memory;~~ and

~~a transmitting process procedure code for transmitting a print execution instruction, the captured or stored and an image to be printed, and the display property to the information processing apparatus using the said communication section means~~ on the basis of the print request.

24. (Currently Amended) A computer program product storing comprising a computer readable medium comprising having a computer program code, for an information processing method, said product information processing method comprising the steps of:

~~a receiving process procedure code for receiving a print execution instruction, and an image to be printed, and a display property from an image inputting apparatus;~~

performing image processing defined by the received display property on the received image;

~~an issuing process procedure code for issuing a print request of the processed received image to a connected printer apparatus; and~~

~~a transmitting process procedure code for transmitting the processed image to be printed to the printer apparatus.~~

25. (Currently Amended) The image inputting apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

an editing setter arranged to set an edit process of an image,

wherein said communication section means ~~has setting means for setting an edit process of the image to be printed, and~~ sends edit process information indicating the set edit process together with the image to be printed to the information processing apparatus.

26. (Currently Amended) The image inputting apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the information processing apparatus launches a program corresponding to contents of the edit process indicated by the received edit process information.

27. (Currently Amended) The image inputting apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the edit process information has a digital print order DPOF format.
